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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the date of entry of the national stage in an international application.

A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

To satisfy the requirement of a statement of relevance of the non-English documents, a search report from the International and German Patent Offices citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof are enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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